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Hi all Wisconsin Good Sam Members,

2008 will be a great camping year in Wisconsin.

I am well aware of the challenges the economy will present, but at the same time, as campers we have the means of enjoying our way of relaxing and vacationing within the confines of our budgets.

First we have our Samboree in Tomah, WI June 12th-15th. The cost is only \$60.00 for a

family unit (2 adults and all children or grandchildren living at home) for 3 nights of camping (most will received at least 20 electric service) and entertainment each evening. We provide seminars, craft classes, indoor and outdoor games not to mention a free hot dog lunch. There are jam sessions for all to participate in, either by playing their musical instruments, singing, doing readings or just by listening. We have a choir that helps us with our Sunday non-denominational service. All these activities are without additional cost.

We are having two guided tours this year at a cost of \$12.00 per person. Please see the pre-registration form on our Web site <http://www.wigoodsam.org> -- seating is limited. We have a golf outing for men and women. It is a Best Ball competition so all teams has an equal chance of winning.

Remember that Good Sam Club membership is NOT a requirement for attending our Samboree, so invite members of your family and friends that camp to join us at our "South of the Border" Samboree.

(See **LETTER PAGE 2**)

Wisconsin State Web site

Since we put the Web site on the Internet in May 2004, we have had over 7,428 visitors. Anyone who is interested in what Wisconsin Good Sam members are doing, can visit the site at www.wigoodsam.org and click on links to all of the State Dates to Remember, all of the WI Chapters and their events, State road conditions year round, photos of past events, minutes of State meetings, classifieds and much, much more.

Please, if you have something that could be added to the web site, send me an email at webmaster@wigoodsam.org after all – it's your site.

Randi Owen, Webmaster

Cranberry Chicken Tacos



1 8oz can jellied cranberry sauce
 1/2 cup mild picante sauce
 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
 2 cups cooked shredded chicken
 10 taco shells

Garnishes: shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes,
 chopped onion, and shredded cheese.

In medium saucepan combine cranberry sauce, picante sauce, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, cumin and chicken. Mix thoroughly. Cook over medium heat until thickened, about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spoon into taco shells. Top with garnishes and serve. Yields 5 servings. *(Submitted by Cheryl Keene.)*

Hi guys—

March, 29 2007

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your latest state newsletter, the Wisconsin Sam-A-Gram. It's really well written, lots of good information, all of which is really well presented. Your little funny snippets (i.e. Pillsbury Dough Boy) are really great – not overdone, just funny. I know a project like this is a lot of work, but you guys are really doing a fantastic job.

Thanks so much for sharing it with me.



Sue Bray
 Vice President/Executive Director
 The Good Sam Club

(LETTER from page 1)

Besides our annual Samboree we have four regional campouts (called Jumbos) each year. The Northwest Jumbo is held in Medford, WI at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. The location of the Southwest Jumbo has not yet been determined; however the last one was at the Petenwell County Park in Adams County, near Necedah, WI. The Northeast Jumbo is scheduled for the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds at Plymouth, WI. The location of the Southeast Jumbo has not yet been determined; however the last one was at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI. These campouts allow Dave and I to meet new members and renew friendships with current members. These campouts include activities we all have at our chapter campouts. These campouts are open to all Good Sam members. The schedules are listed here in our Sam-a-Gram – (See 2008 Dates to Remember on Page 12).

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions and comments. If you would like to join our State Staff we would be most happy to talk to you. Please look at our Wisconsin Good Sam Web site for pictures and other pertinent information.

Our goal for 2008 is to increase chapter membership in our present chapters and start new chapters. I will provide more information via correspondence with chapter presidents and through our Web site.

I am excited by the prospect of meeting you at one or more of our Wisconsin Good Sam activities.

As always, we wish you God speed in all of your travels. We look forward to meeting you in our travels and remember our Samboree will not be the same without you.

Sincerely,
 Jean and Dave Goossen
 Wisconsin State Director



Assistant Directors

Northwest Assistant Director

Hi,

I am Vera Budzinski, the Northwest Assistant State Director. Chapters in my area are the Apple River Drifters from the Amery Area; Black River Ramblers from the Thorp, Black River Falls, Medford, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire and Osseo Area; Sawdust City Sams from the Eau Claire/Altoona Area; Valley Bumpers from the Wausau Area; and the Wisingles from all over the State.

I am a member of the Black River Ramblers and the Wisingles Chapters. I sure am looking forward to the camping season (especially when the wind chill today is 45 below zero). I am looking forward to the State Samboree in June at Tomah. With the help of all the chapters it is always easier every year to put on this great event. The more volunteers we have, the more time your State Staff has to also enjoy the Samboree.

I also have the Northwest Jumbo which is July 24-28, 2008 in Medford, WI at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. Look for a detailed article in the Sam-a-Gram on Page 7. This is always a fun Jumbo. You do not have to be a chapter member to attend. Please feel free to come camp with us and see what we are all about.

Any Good Sam members in my area, that would be willing to get a chapter started, please contact me and I will help you out. We could use some more chapters in the Northwest area of Wisconsin.

Feel free to call me anytime at 715-669-3192, or (cell phone) 715-271-6855 or write to me at N11876 County Road M, Thorp, WI 54771.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Samboree or The Northwest Jumbo this summer.

Vera Budzinski
Northwest Assistant Director

Northeast Assistant Director

Hi,

I am Wayne Schuette. Along with my wife, Diana, we are your Northeast Assistant State Directors. We live near Lake Michigan on an 80 acre hobby farm. I am self employed as a heating and cooling sheet metal contractor, looking forward to retirement in about a year. Diana is retired from the insurance field and enjoys her gardening, reading and crafts. In my free time I enjoy making maple syrup in the spring, hosting campouts at our private campgrounds, hunting in the fall and watching the wildlife.

We have enjoyed camping for many years with our two boys and joined the Lake-2-Lake Sams chapter several years ago. We are now Lifetime members of the Good Sam Club. Diana served as president for our chapter two years and I was the State Equipment Manager for two years.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at the Samboree in Tomah in June. Under the thankful guidance of Dale and Dorothy Haltinner (former NE Asst Directors) we will be in charge of the outdoor games, Rig Decorating and the Costume Parade.

The Northeast Jumbo will be held at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds located in Plymouth, WI, August 1-3, with early bird starting Thursday, July 31 after 1 p.m.

Hope to see you and happy camping.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Director





DOGS FOR THE DEAF

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The total cost of operating Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. comes from contributions from:

Individuals	Memorial designations
Service clubs	Bequests
Businesses	Corporate matching gifts

There are many ways to contribute to the special work we do to accomplish Dogs For The Deaf's mission. No matter what the amount, your contribution will help in the process of saving dogs and helping people. Below is a detailed account of this process:

- \$50 Initial vaccinations.
- \$100 Pick out a dog from an animal shelter.
- \$200 Evaluation and tests plus spaying and neutering.
- \$300 Initial testing of the dog for alertness and aptitude.
- \$1,500 Taking a dog through the entire quarantine/evaluation period in preparation for training.
- \$2,000 Follow up visits to five teams.
- \$5,000 Being named sponsor of a Hearing Dog, Dog for Seniors, or Special Needs Dog.

We would like to thank our very generous donor groups.

DFD Giving Opportunities

You can direct your contribution to our:

General Fund - gifts are used to support our on-going, operational needs; special projects; training program; placements of dogs with approved applicants; on-going follow up of our person/dog partnerships; equipment needs; and other needs to support our special work.

Building Fund - gifts are used to expand, upgrade and maintain our training facility.

Endowment Fund - gifts are invested wisely and prudently and the principal remains intact in perpetuity or for a specified time, and the interest is used to provide a secure source of future funds benefiting generations to come.

Toys for Joy - gifts are used for the enrichment, enhancement, and motivation of the dogs in training, including but not limited to dog toys and treats, agility equipment, and outdoor play equipment.

Veterinary Fund - gifts are used to provide the very best veterinary care for the dogs while they are in training.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc. is a nonprofit, charitable organization under the provisions of section 510 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (**Tax ID #93-0681311**). Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by federal and state laws.

WORDS FROM THE STATE STAFF

Sam-a-Gram Editors and State Webmaster

We can hardly wait for this winter weather to move out and let the camping season begin. We are looking forward to working with Jean again this year to bring you a great Samboree experience.

The Website has been doing well with over 7,428 visitors, which has been averaging 6.35 visits a day. Last year we added the State Obituary information into the website, and would like to remind you to send us any current obits you have so that we can keep it updated. This year we also have a new Youth Director so we hope to have some great photos of their activities.

We have two sons (Adam (& Julie his wife) and Eric), 1 daughter (Sarah) and two grandsons (Tristian and Leeland). Bonnie is the Editorial Assistant for the Fort McCoy newspaper, *The Real McCoy*, is responsible for the online version and the Command Channel programming. Randi is a Police Officer at Fort McCoy full-time and the Engineer for six local radio stations, a local TV station, and currently the Webmaster for four Web sites and consultant on an additional three Web sites.

We are Life Time members of the Good Sam Club. Randi is the President of the Cranberry Country Cruisers chapter in the Tomah Area. Bonnie is the Secretary and does the Newsletter for the chapter.

We look forward to seeing all of our old friends at the Samboree and meeting new ones.
Randi & Bonnie Owen

Secretary

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our "South of the Border" Wisconsin Samboree in Tomah.

My area of responsibility at the Samboree is registration. Registration opens at noon on Wednesday. Here are some tips to make the registration process easier.

-Send your pre-registration form and money to our State Treasurer, Sharon Kreul, as early as possible.

-The optional catered meals are only available with pre-registration. The only meal tickets for sale at the Samboree are those from cancellations. This gives the caterer enough lead time to order and prepare the food.

-Please do not send the early bird parking fee with your registration. This fee is collected by the parking committee at the gate.

-Upon entering the fairgrounds, you will be given a form by the parking crew. This form identifies the area you are parked in and includes your vehicle license number. Please bring this form with you when you come to registration. This helps us find you in case of emergency, especially at night.

Have a great time at the Samboree, meeting old friends as well as making new friends.

Jim Vetter

Hi all you Happy Campers!

Greetings from the State **Historians**, Cheryl and Keith Keene.

It won't be long now until it is camping time again. Keep smiling everyone! Are you ready for the "South of the Border" Samboree? Dress up and have fun. And remember to "SMILE!"

Don't forget to check out the table with the Photo Albums at the Samboree again this year. You might find yourself in some of the pictures and reminisce on all the fun we have every year.

Happy Camping Everyone!

Cheryl Keene - State Historian



Fire Extinguishers

Fire Protection - Be Prepared

Do you have the proper fire fighting equipment on board, and are you prepared to use it? Every year we hear and read of RVs that were damaged or destroyed by fire. The damage occurred because the occupants were unable to stop the fire from spreading. Perhaps they were not with the unit when the blaze began, or perhaps an explosion forced them to flee to safety. However, if you are with your unit when a fire starts, there are ways to safely fight the fire and perhaps save your RV. The fire department should be notified as soon as a fire is discovered, of course. Frequently, though, a coach can be saved, and/or damage minimized, if you have access to the proper fire fighting equipment, and if you possess the knowledge and strength to use that equipment while waiting for the fire department to arrive. The most important goal in fire fighting, however, is the protection of human life. No matter how much you value your rig, do not endanger your safety or that of others if you are ever confronted with a fire. Although RVs come equipped with fire extinguishers, some owners either replace or supplement the original fire extinguishers with one or more additional units. But if the new fire extinguishers are not of the correct type or size, they can provide you with a false sense of security. When selecting fire extinguishers, consider the type of fire that can be expected in the area where it will be used and the characteristics of the property to be protected. An extinguisher that is effective in one situation may not be effective in another. Fire extinguishers have a combination of numbers and letters-such as 1 AB or 1 B:C-imprinted on them. The letters indicate the particular types of fires for which the unit is appropriate. Class A fires involve ordinary flammable materials, such as wood, paper, cloth, rubber, and some plastics. Class B fires involve burning liquids, gases, and greases. Class C fires are electrical fires. A fourth type of fire, one involving combustible metals such as magnesium and sodium, is termed Class D. Since the public is not normally involved with fires of this nature, most portable fire extinguishers for general sale do not have a Class D rating. The numbers indicate the relative ability of the unit to extinguish each type of fire. The higher the number, the greater the fire extinguishing potential. For instance, an extinguisher that has a 20 B rating has the potential to extinguish a flammable liquid fire that is approximately twice as large as that which a 10 B unit could handle, four times as large as a 5 B unit could handle, and so on. Naturally, the skill and training of the operator will affect outcome, regardless of the fire extinguisher rating. Numbers do not precede the C rating on a fire extinguisher, because only the continued electrical non-conducting characteristics of the fire extinguishing system are tested. Once the electricity is turned off, a Class A or B extinguisher may be used to fight a fire started by electricity. Although various types of fire extinguishers are available, it is likely that the unit you purchase will be a dry chemical type. Halon extinguishers were formerly popular because of their powerful fire extinguishing properties and because they left no residue. However, a 1987 agreement, amended in 1992, calls for a worldwide cessation in producing Halon, because it may deplete the earth's ozone layer. If you use a Halon fire extinguisher, keep in mind that although some types of Halon vapors have a low toxicity level, the gases that are produced when Halon units extinguish a fire can be hazardous. Because the space in a motorhome is inherently small, extra care should be taken to avoid breathing these gases. If an agent other than Halon can safely be used to extinguish a fire, it is recommended that it be used instead. Halon extinguishers should not simply be discarded or abandoned. Return them to a facility that can safely recover any gas remaining in the unit. Dry chemical extinguishers are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased in many stores. Many of these units are rated for A, B, and C fires, so that no time is consumed deciding whether the unit is the correct one to use in a given situation. However, it must be noted that although a particular unit is rated for all classes of fires, it will probably not be equally effective at extinguishing all burning materials. Consideration of the combustibles you are likely to encounter and the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of fire extinguishers is still necessary for maximum protection. Dry chemical extinguishers can make a considerable mess when deployed. The dry chemical extinguishing agent can be corrosive and may damage the very objects that you are trying to protect. Cleaning the objects as quickly as possible after the fire is out will limit damage. As with any other safety equipment, fire extinguishers require periodic inspections and maintenance. Examine your fire extinguishers regularly to make sure that they have not lost their pressure. Visually inspect them to ensure that they are not physically damaged and that the nozzles are not plugged by insects or dirt. If it's a dry chemical fire extinguisher, periodically turn it upside down and shake it, thereby preventing the stuff inside to pack at the bottom, which could render it useless. To determine whether the pressure remains satisfactory, check the pressure gauge or test pin. Do not "test" the unit by partially discharging it. This will cause most dry chemical units to lose their pressure completely, thus requiring recharging or replacement. If you discharge any fire extinguisher, even momentarily, have it professionally examined immediately. Although most units can be recharged, you may wish to buy another fire extinguisher for protection until you find someone who can service the discharged unit.

(See **Fire Extinguishers** page 8)

WISCONSIN JUMBOS

Northwest Jumbo

This year's Northwest Jumbo will be July 24-28 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford which is located on the corner of Hwy 64 (east/west) and Hwy 13 (north/south).

PLEASE NOTE!! Enter off Hwy 13 north as the entrance off Hwy 64 is very steep and you can wreck your campers.

Early bird will be Thursday, July 24, and you may come after 3 p.m. **Please adhere to this time.**

The Parking Chapter – may come at 12 p.m. (**NOT ANY EARLIER**).

The Coffee Chapter – may come at 1 p.m.

The Host Chapter – may come at 2 p.m.

Chapter duties for the weekend are as follows:

Host – Wisingles

Parking – Shawano Area Campers

Coffee – Kinnic Kampers

Ice Cream & Bingo – Apple River Drifters

Pancake Breakfast – Marshlanders

Potluck Supper (set-up) – Sawdust City Sams

Games – Black River Ramblers

We will have registration Thursday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. and Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. These times worked good last year.

On Thursday, bring your own games and entertainment as we have nothing planned. Friday evening we will have an ice cream social and play bingo. Saturday morning, from 8–9:30 a.m., we will have a pancake breakfast. Saturday afternoon will be games and Saturday evening, at 5 p.m. will be a potluck supper. If you have any skits, poems or entertainment, let Vera or Elwood Elliott know. These will be after the meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. we will have a church service featuring the Savior's Song Birds (This is the family of 10 from Thorp, WI).

We will have a bonfire each evening (weather permitting). Cost for the weekend will be \$20. (**This is for the weekend, not each night.**) This includes bingo, ice cream, pancake breakfast and rolls on Sunday morning.

We gave Taylor County \$75 last year for electrical improvements. We have a traveling Horseshoe Trophy, so practice up on your pitching as we have to take it away from Jim Welcing.

Also chapters, practice up on your Bean Bag Baseball skills. The Apple River Drifters won last year, let's beat them this year.

Come camp with us for the weekend. This is always a good time. For questions, contact Vera Budzinski, N11876 County Road M, Thorp, WI 54771 or call (715) 669-3192 or (cell phone) 715-271-6855.

Northeast Jumbo

This year the Northeast Jumbo, at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds at Plymouth, WI, will be August 1-3. Early bird parking on July 31, starting after 1 p.m.

Lake-2-Lake Sams will be in charge of hospitality serving cookies and coffee during the day.

Leo & Jane Sperberg from Wolf River Wanderers will help with registration and parking.

Friday we are planning to car pool to the Kohler Co. for a 2 ½ hour tour of their plant. Outdoor games will be set up so you can practice. An Ice Cream Social will be Friday afternoon and bingo and other card games will be in the evening.

Saturday will start out with a breakfast hosted by the Winnebago Wanderers (cost to be determined later). We will have our outdoor games after breakfast and a pot luck supper in the evening followed by a short meeting. Bingo and other card games will also be available

For a reduced fee, you will be able to watch stock car racing Saturday evening.

A church service will be held Sunday at 8:00 a.m. followed by doughnuts and coffee.

Feel free to come and join us for a weekend of camping fun.

Wayne & Diana Schuette
Northeast Assistant Director



(Fire Extinguishers from page 1)

Most larger cities have at least one facility listed under "Fire Protection Equipment" in the Yellow Pages. These types of facilities should be able to assist you. Finally, a fire extinguisher is of little or no help if it is not used properly. This means that all potential users should know how to operate it and must be physically capable of doing so. Follow these steps to make sure you're ready to use your extinguisher: *Periodically review the instructions printed on the fire extinguisher. You will not have time to read these instructions when you need to use it. *Be sure you can manipulate the device. Although you may be tempted to buy the largest unit available, it is useless if it is too heavy to be maneuvered into place and utilized. *Keep it accessible. *A fire extinguisher is useless if you store it out of reach in a closet or cupboard, and consequently cannot grab it when it is needed. Consider purchasing an extra extinguisher to be used as a "training tool. This unit can be used to practice extinguishing small fires that have been started in a safe location, such as a fire pit. The knowledge gained from this experience will be far greater than the purchase price of the fire extinguisher. Be sure to follow all fire safety rules during this test, and take proper precautions to prevent the fire from spreading if the portable unit is unable to extinguish it. The approximate discharge time will likely be 10 seconds or less for smaller handheld dry chemical units. Any time spent misapplying the chemical uses some of these precious seconds, making it even more important that you and your family know how to handle your fire extinguishers and do not get yourselves into a situation that simply overpowers your ability to fight the fire. Don't allow your family to be unprotected, or even under protected, at home or in your RV. Although fire extinguishers are like insurance policies - we buy them and then hope that we never need to use them - make sure that you have the proper fire fighting equipment and that everyone has the training to use it if it is ever needed. And while we all like to think that it will never happen to us, the people who lost a coach yesterday, last week, or last month all thought that it would never happen to them, too, right up to the minute that it did.

The above article courtesy of "[RVing Women](#)"



Wisconsin Members at Large

The Wisconsin Good Sammer's invite all National Good Sam members to join us in the fun and fellowship of becoming Wisconsin State Good Sam members. There are over 18,000 National members in Wisconsin. However, we are saddened by the fact that only a small percentage "actually" get the most out of their national membership, because they are not members of a Wisconsin State Good Sam's local chapter.

The Wisconsin State Director is inviting you to join Wisconsin Good Sam's, by paying state dues of \$5.00 per rig. This money is used to pay for the publishing of the "Sam-A-Gram", the State newsletter that you will receive. You may, if you wish, remain a member at large with no responsibilities other than paying your national and state dues. However, to receive the greatest benefits from your Good Sam membership, we invite you to join a local chapter. We have 24 chapters meeting and having a grand time at the local campgrounds across the state. We also have one State Samboree and four Jumbos (Regional campouts) in the state. Additional information may also be obtained from our State Web site at www.wigoodsam.org. Please feel free to contact any Chapter President, Assistant Director or State Staff member at any time for any question you may have or your State Director can help direct you to the closest chapter in your area. Please complete the application below and return it to our State Treasurer.

Make your check payable to: Wisconsin Good Sam
 Mail To: Sharon Kreul, State Treasurer
 1402 Ellen Avenue
 Madison, WI 53716-1541
 Phone: 608-222-7115
 Email: bjkreul@yahoo.com

**Wisconsin State Dues \$5.00 for
 Membership at Large
 January 1 to December 31**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

GOOD SAM # _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Are you interested in a local chapter? _____

If so what area are you from? _____

Chapter Chatter

Greetings from the **Cranberry Country Cruisers** of the Tomah, Wisconsin Area. Our chapter is the youngest chapter in the State, turning just two years old September 26, 2007. We had fun camping with our friends and meeting new ones everywhere we went. We had several people approach us at our campgrounds and say "We know you, we read about you in our *Highways* magazine", opening an opportunity to talk to them about Good Sam and joining a chapter. We achieved several goals last year, including being awarded the Dogs for the Deaf Top Dog Flag and having it presented by Robin Dickenson, CEO of the Dogs for the Deaf.

We started out with 5 Charter families and currently have 14 units and 27 members from as far south as Reedsburg and as far north as Wisconsin Rapids and are always looking to add more (come check us out). We meet once a month during the winter months (November - April) where we have a meeting/dinner social at local restaurants in our camping area, and in the summer (May - October) where we camp for a weekend and have our meeting (usually on Saturday morning).

Some of our activities in 2007 were: we held winter dinner/socials at Beagles in Lyndon Station (Jan.), The Cracker Barrel in Lake Delton (Feb.), and The American Legion in Sparta; attended the Tomah Area Cancer fund raiser at the Teepee Supper Club where Gary & the Ridgeland Dutchmen were playing; and held a Brat Sale at Wal-mart to raise money for the Dogs for the Deaf (DFD) (March). We collected cans, Campbell Soup Labels, and gave a cash donation to the Tomah Boys and Girls Club. We gave the A.S./A.P. Cat Shelter a cash donation, collected stuffed animals for the Ronald McDonald house and held our dinner/social at the Hearty Platter in Tomah. For those of us that had their rigs out already, we camped at Lil' Yellow River in New Lisbon (April). We camped at the Chapparel Campgrounds in Wonewoc, we cleaned up a stretch of Hwy 21 four times this year, and sold Pizza Hut raffle tickets to raise money for the Cat Shelter (May). At the Samboree in Tomah (June) we took first place in collecting pop tabs with 107.5 lbs., participated in rig decorating by creating a Speak Easy and Theater which took first place, dressed up for the Roaring 20's Costume Parade and went out to eat at the Hearty Platter in costume. Sherry & John Hammes took first place. We donated milk caps and a cash donation to the Tomah Lemonweir Elementary School, and held a rummage sale to raise money for the DFD and the cat Shelter. We camped at Granger's in Oakdale (July), Dexter Co. Park in Wood County (Aug.), SW Jumbo at Petenwell Co. Park (Sept.), Granger's in Oakdale again where we participated in the VA Hospital's Welcome Home event for Iraqi Soldiers (Oct.), Rock & Timber Grill in Warrens, we rang bells for the Salvation Army (Nov.) and collected \$160.00 worth of gifts for the Boys & Girls Club at our Dec. Christmas Party at the Teepee in Tomah.

Our 2008 schedule has been posted to our website www.wigoodsam.org/cranberrycountrycruisers and the State website at www.wigoodsam.org. However, some of the dates may change, so if you're interested in visiting us, check the website for current changes or give me a call and I'll let you know where our next meeting will be.

(**Cranberry Country Cruisers** Continued):

We have added a guest book to our website and would like to hear from you when you visit.

Being a member of the Good Sam Club doesn't mean you have to belong to a Chapter, but it is more fun and gives you more companionship.

[Randi Owen](#)

Cranberry Country Cruisers, President

(608) 343-2024

The Black River Ramblers.

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary this year on August 11 at Mead Lake Campgrounds, south of Thorp. We had several past members come and spend the day with us and one past member who spent the weekend with us. We had a beautifully decorated cake and a Bar-b-qued lunch put on by the chapter. We even had the honor of having a past state director, Bob Williamson and his wife Marie spend the afternoon with us. It was a very fun day and was nice to see all the past members again.

We currently have members from Thorp, Osseo, Cadott, Black River Falls, Fairchild, Medford, Stetsonville, Eau Claire, Hixton, Curtiss, Dorchester, Augusta and Chippewa Falls.

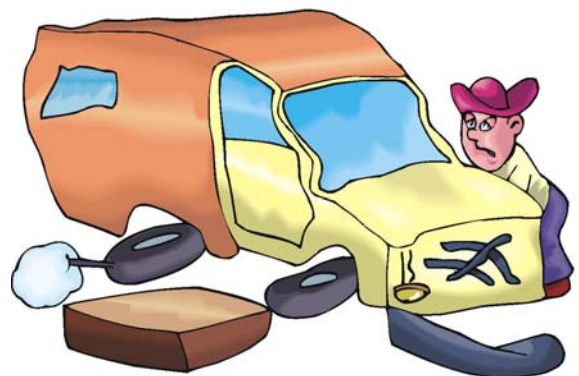
We meet the second weekend of the month; through the winter months we meet in homes of our members and every year in April we have an eat-out meeting where we go to different restaurants in the cities where we have members. Each member hosts a campout or winter meeting. For campouts we have two members host at the campgrounds of their choice. In June we meet at the Samboree and in July we meet at the Northwest Jumbo in Medford.

In May we participate in the Good Sam Club Roadside Clean Up and every year we give to the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Anyone living in the area, who is interested in joining a chapter, please feel free to come and check us out at one of our events.

Our President is Mike Schmitt, 234 Gershwin Street, Stetsonville, WI 54480, phone: 715-678-2264.

(Article submitted by Vera Budzinski, Historian.)



More Chapter Chatter

The Jack Pine Travelers began 2008 with a Pot Luck at the Mauston City Hall Community Room on January 13. Meetings were again held there each winter month. Plans were started on how to celebrate our 30th anniversary year of camping as a Good Sam Club chapter. At each meeting, donations were made to the local food pantries and Dogs for the Deaf. Mary Ann Strack represented us at the State Meeting in April.

The first campout of the season was held the weekend of May 18th at Norm and Ann's near Neilsville. Some members attended the High Ground Veteran's Memorial nearby. Plans were finalized for the 30th anniversary celebration, which was held during our June campout. We attended the Tommy Bartlett Show at Lake Delton and further celebrated with cake and ice cream. Plans were made for our attendance at the State Samboree to be held in Tomah the following week.

Ten rigs were present at the Samboree. Several members dressed for the costume parade with much help from Nanette Green with outfits. Our club took part in the flea market selling shawls, pillows and Roaring 20's teddy bears. Members helped with the Samboree in various ways. There was great cooperation and fellowship at this event.

Plans were made at the July campout for the garage sale that was held at Gordon Langer's in Friendship. This two day event was a great success both with proceeds and member fellowship. It was almost like another campout with most of the chapter involved. During the August campout plans were finalized for the August 30th brat sale which was held at the A&F County Market in Adams benefiting the Dogs for the Deaf. We were a bit disappointed with proceeds but added enough extra from our treasury to send another \$500 to the Dogs for the Deaf, bringing our year's total to \$1,500 donated to the organization.

The remaining campouts were fun for all who attended and each month pop tabs, cancelled stamps and donations for the area food pantries and Dogs for the Deaf were collected.

Our chapter was well represented at the Fall State meeting with five members in attendance.

At our November meeting the chapter packaged 70 individual kits of hygiene items donated by members for the Hope House Women's Shelter.

We ended 2007 with a Christmas party and exchange of gifts at Donnie's Restaurant in Reedsburg.

Everyone is looking forward to our winter meetings preparing for the 2008 Wisconsin Samboree and a new camping season.

Al Demaske
President



The 2008 season for camping is starting for the **Milwaukee Roamers**. It is an exciting year for us as it is our 35th anniversary together.

We are happy to have the same officers as last year. Barb and Bill Jordan will be Co-Presidents; Pat Gerrits, Vice President; Tyke Munnagle, Secretary (with Dolly Eggert as stand-in secretary); and Judy Hansen, Treasurer. The Michels are still the Wagon Masters and Arlene continues to hold the Sunshine position. Marie is our Historian, and Kristen is our Web Master.

We are a Good Sam Chapter located in Southeastern Wisconsin that consists of twenty-two units of all shapes and sizes -- fifth wheels, travel trailers, pop-ups, as well as Class A's, B's, and C's.

We camp each month from May to October and use the Milwaukee Zoo interchange as a center point for a radius of 150 miles. This year we are camping in Illinois in May and June is the Samboree in Tomah. We also are having an extra weekend in Door County in June. July is an open month for us at this point. Some have decided they might visit another Jumbo to see what they do. August we are going to visit Grand Valley campground and September is Fox Hills in Baraboo. Last but not least October is at Lake Lenwood. Each month we have a host that is for the most part in charge of the weekend. We do try to have a fundraiser, on a small scale, at each campout to raise funds for our charities through out the year.

In November we gather to grieve the season past and have a luncheon meeting.

We celebrate Christmas with a party and raise funds amongst ourselves to donate to a charitable organization. This past number of years was The Hunger Task Force. This year we also helped the families in Wheaton after the tornados.

Our members just enjoy seeing and being with each other and camping in different places around Wisconsin.

We are always looking for new members to join our group.

Barbara and Bill Jordan
Co-Presidents

Moonlighting

An RVer in a motorhome got hopelessly bogged down in an unexpected muddy hole along a dirt road. After a few minutes, a passing farmer drove by on his tractor and offered to pull him out for only \$20. After the motorhome was back on dry ground, the RVer said to the farmer, "At those prices, I bet you're pulling vehicles out of this mud day and night."

"Can't," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole."

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More Chapter Chatter

The **Wisingles** is the only Singles Good Sam group in Wisconsin. There are approximately 34 members in the chapter. This spring we will be having our election to elect new officers to lead the group. New officers will serve for two years.

We have six campouts each year and in the past we have had an early campout the first part of May. Last year it was at Merrilan City Park. The first one this year is at Bancroft in conjunction with the Wisconsin retirees (May). June is the Samboree at Tomah. July is the Singles Campout (Tri-State) with Iowa and Minnesota singles. This year it's at Goose Island near La Crosse. Iowa no longer has any Good Sam Singles chapter and we are looking forward to one being formed there or in Illinois so the Tri-State may continue. July is also NW Jumbo in Medford. August we go to Strum City Park. September and October Campouts are still open with the possibly of one being in the Madison area or south from there. All of these Campouts run from Monday to Monday which includes one weekend. Plans are being made to Caravan to all the Casinos in Wisconsin. Parking is free or a small charge. This will depend on the number of members that are interested in doing this. It will take place between the regular Campouts and we are looking at a date some time in August for approximately 7-10 days.

Anyone who is single and a member of the Good Sam Club may join the chapter or attend any campout whether or not he or she belongs to the Good Sam Club.

Thank you and have a fun day.

Carol Yoemans
President

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson Go Camping

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fell asleep. An hour later, Holmes woke up his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions of stars".

"What does that tell you?" asked Holmes. Watson pondered a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past one. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a moment, and then spoke. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent."

MEALS ON WHEELS

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, "You have been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking." The cat thought for a minute and then said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on." God said, "Say no more." Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer that He made to the cat. The mice said, "Well, we have had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs, and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we would not have to run again." God answered, "it is done." All the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?"

The cat replied, "Oh, it is WONDERFUL. I have never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy, and those little Meals on Wheels you have been sending over are delicious!"

(Submitted by Vera Budzinski.)



2008 Dates to Remember

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
March 14-17	The Rally	Perry, GA	Early Bird March 12 & 13
April 25-27	Spring State Campout	Lil' Yellow River Camp Grounds, New Lisbon, WI. 608-562-5355	Make your own reservations.
April 26	Spring State Meeting	Traveler's Inn New Lisbon, WI	All Presidents
May 15-18	Minnesota Spring Samboree	St. Peter, MN	
June 4-8	Manitoba/NW Ontario Canada Samboree	Gladstone, Manitoba	
June 12-15	Wisconsin Samboree	Tomah Recreation Park Tomah, WI	Early Bird June 10-11
June 16	Summer State Meeting	Tomah Recreation Park Tomah, WI	All Presidents
June 12-15	Nebraska Samboree	Adams County Fairgrounds	
June 18-22	South Dakota Samboree	Huron, SD	
June 26-29	Iowa Samboree	Fort Dodge, IA	Early Bird June 25
July 11-16	Southeast Jumbo	?	
July 25-27	Northwest Jumbo	Taylor Cty. Fairgrounds, Medford, WI	Early Bird 24th, but not before 3 p.m.
August 1-3	Northeast Jumbo	Sheboygan Cty. Fairgrounds, Plymouth, WI	Early Bird July 31st
August 14-17	Minnesota Fall Samboree	Chisholm, MN	Early Bird Aug. 12-13
August 29-Sept. 1	Illinois Samboree	Henry, IL	Early Bird Aug. 27-28
September	Southwest Jumbo		Dates not confirmed yet
September 26-28	Fall State Campout	Lil' Yellow River Camp Ground, New Lisbon, WI. 608-562-5355	Make your own reservations.
September 27	Fall Meeting	Traveler's Inn, New Lisbon, WI	All Presidents

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Recreation Park 1625 Butts Ave. Tomah, WI 54660 1-94 exit 143, I-90 exit 41 or 43 for detailed directions
www.wigoodsam.org or call Jean Goossen, State Director 715-491-2574

Activities include: Free coffee & cookies, free hot dog lunch, indoor & outdoor games, youth activities, Fri. am golf outing, join our theme based rig decorating contest & costume parade, seminars, commercial exhibits, RV displays, door prizes, raffles, flea market / craft sale, family entertainment each night, optional catered meal Sat. night (only available with paid pre-registration), Non-denominational Sunday Service.

Registration: Pre-registration is \$60.00 per family unit (2 adults & children/ grandchildren living at home). \$55.00 for single until June 2nd. At the gate \$65.00 family \$80.00 Single. Each extra adult (21 and over) is \$12.00. Make checks payable to Wisconsin Good Sam. No confirmation will be sent your check will be your receipt.

Registrations received after June 2nd will be returned. You can attend but must pay the at the gate rate. Cancellations must be made within 10 days of the Samboree by contacting the State Treasurer. Early bird fee collected at the gate DO NOT INCLUDE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION.

Parking: Chapter / group parking request must be in by May 9, 2008. All other parking will be hobo style. Early bird parking is \$15.00 per night. HANDICAP PARKING available but must furnish handicap I.D. or doctor's verification. Most units will have electric. Water and dump station on grounds.

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Are you a member of our state organization (i.e. pay state dues of \$5.00 per year)? Yes No

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My check is enclosed for: Registration- Single Person \$55.00 Family Unit \$60.00 \$ _____

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GREAT SAFETY IDEA

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you shut it off. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around.... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there..... This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Important information for Good Sam Members from *Highways* magazine.

Chapter News to appear Exclusively Online

Beginning with the March issue of *Highways* magazine, Chapter News will be posted exclusively on the Good Sam Club website www.goodsamclub.com, in an expanded format. Chapter highlights will be published in the Good News section of *Highways*, and we'll continue to print the Samboree schedule and cover the Chapter of the Year and Cleanup Day.

By putting Chapter News online, we'll be able to post more information about chapter activities, projects and accomplishments throughout the year. We look forward to continued updates on your organization's latest activities.

Please continue to send us your chapter news. E-mail your text and photos to chapternews@goodsamclub.com. Include your name and telephone number. **We will accept digital images only.**